

Mount Vernon Master Plan
Transportation and Parking Committee
8/29/12

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: John Molino (Resident)
Frans A. Van Wagenberg (Developer)
Al Barry (Consultant)
Chris Merriam (Bikemore Baltimore)
Steven Shen (MVBA)
Lance Decker (MVBA)
Theo Ngongang (DOT)

Discussion:

1. Proposal for Lower of JFX – Al Barry, consultant to developer and property owner in area
 - a. Proposal for lowering of JFX Expressway (I-83), including greening and day lighting the Jones Falls
 - i. Potential ramifications with the Mt Vernon Plan. He stated that he would like the project to be mentioned in the plan.
 - b. Invited Al to come to the next Open Space Committee meeting, which might be more of a natural fit for his project (follow up with Al once scheduled)
 - c. Questions
 - i. Cost of taking I-83 down
 - ii. Cost of the entire beautification/landscaping plan
 - iii. Connection to the prison facility
2. Bicycle Infrastructure – Chris Merriam, Bikemore Baltimore
 - a. Highlighted the proposed bicycle improvement to be designed and installed in the heart of Mt Vernon (Bicycle Master Plan Implementation)
 - i. Maryland/Cathedral/Park cycle track
 - ii. Preston/Biddle and Madison/Centre bike lanes
 - b. The group proposed to bring him back once some recommendations have been made for street conversions in Mt Vernon
3. Traffic Congestion Areas of Concern – Lance Decker, MVBA
 - a. Presented a series of maps showing the existing travel and parking lane conditions of all streets in Mount Vernon, as well as the street segments which have the most inappropriate levels of auto traffic for a neighborhood “feel”
 - b. Presented a series of maps showing what a conversion of major arteries/streets to two-way in the heart of Mt Vernon would look like.
 - i. Maps also showed transition points where 2-way streets would connect to the existing street network surrounding Mount Vernon.
 - ii. Maps will be shared with the Steering Committee along with recommendations
4. Next Steps
 - a. Next meeting
 - i. September 19th at 6:30PM
 - ii. Agenda: Parking